

WILLIAM SMITH,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) Case No. 3:10-cv-721-GPM-DGW
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OFFICER GALE and OFFICER HULL,)
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Defendants.)
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Now pending before the Court is a Motion to Compel Discovery filed by *pro se* Plaintiff William Smith (Doc. 39). For the reasons set forth below, the motion is **GRANTED**.

Plaintiff now asks the Court to order Defendants to respond to his interrogatories regarding exhaustion. The Court has reviewed the requests and determines that the interrogatories are

related to the exhaustion process, thus they are exempt from the stay, which applies only to discovery on the merits of the underlying claims. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion to Compel is **GRANTED**. Defendants Gale and Hull shall provide answers to Plaintiff's interrogatories by **January 6, 2012**.

DATED: December 8, 2011



DONALD G. WILKERSON
United States Magistrate Judge